

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A laminate consisting of ~~comprising at least~~ a first layer and a second layer, the first layer comprising of polyethylene terephthalate, and the ~~directly adhered to a second layer of thermoplastic material, wherein said second layer of~~ comprising a thermoplastic material is selected from the group consisting of copolyester barrier materials ~~Copolyester Barrier Materials~~, phenoxy-type thermoplastics ~~Phenoxy-type Thermoplastics~~, polyamides ~~Polyamides~~, polyethylene naphthalate, polyethylene naphthalate copolymers, polyethylene naphthalate/polyethylene terephthalate blends, polyethylene terephthalate and combinations thereof; and said polyethylene terephthalate in the first layer has an isophthalic acid content of at least about 2% by weight, wherein the first layer is directly adhered to the second layer.

2. (Original) A laminate according to Claim 1, wherein the isophthalic acid content of the polyethylene terephthalate in the first layer is about 2% - 10% by weight.

3. (Original) A laminate according to Claim 1, wherein the isophthalic acid content of the polyethylene terephthalate in the first layer is about 4% - 5% by weight.

4. (Original) A laminate according to Claim 1, wherein the isophthalic acid content of the polyethylene terephthalate in the first layer is about 3% - 8% by weight.

5. (Original) A laminate according to Claim 1, wherein the isophthalic acid content of the polyethylene terephthalate in the first layer is about 5% - 10% by weight.

6. (Original) A laminate according to Claim 1, wherein the second layer of thermoplastic material is a poly(hydroxyamino ether).

7. (Currently Amended) A laminate according to Claim 1, wherein the second layer of thermoplastic material is a copolyester barrier material ~~Copolyester Barrier Material~~.

8. (Currently Amended) A laminate according to Claim 1, wherein the second layer of thermoplastic material is a polyamide ~~Polyamide~~ comprising a polyamide and 1-10% by weight polyethylene terephthalate.

9. (Original) A laminate according to Claim 1, wherein the second layer of thermoplastic material is polyethylene terephthalate comprising recycled or post-consumer polyethylene terephthalate.

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10. (Currently Amended) A laminate in the form of a preform or container comprising a neck portion and a body portion, wherein said body portion ~~comprises~~ consists of first and second layers, wherein:

the at least a first layer comprises ~~comprising~~ polyethylene terephthalate having an isophthalic acid content of at least about 2% by weight bound directly to the ~~a~~ second layer comprising a thermoplastic ^{barrier} material, wherein said thermoplastic material is selected from the group consisting of copolyester barrier materials ~~Copolyester Barrier Materials~~, phenoxy-type thermoplastics ~~Phenoxy-type Thermoplastics~~, polyamides ~~Polyamides~~, polyethylene naphthalate, polyethylene naphthalate copolymers, polyethylene naphthalate/polyethylene terephthalate blends, and combinations thereof.

11. (Currently Amended) A laminate in the form of a preform or container according to Claim 10, wherein the body portion of the preform or container comprises a wall portion and an end cap and the first layer is thinner in the end cap than in the wall portion and the second layer is thicker in the end cap than in the wall portion.

12. (Currently Amended) A laminate according to Claim 11, wherein the laminate has an inner layer, and the first layer is the inner layer of faces the preform or container interior.

13. (Original) A laminate according to Claim 10, wherein the isophthalic acid content of the polyethylene terephthalate is about 2% - 10% by weight.

14. (Original) A laminate according to Claim 10, wherein the isophthalic acid content of the polyethylene terephthalate is about 4% - 5% by weight.

15. (Original) A laminate according to Claim 10, wherein the barrier material is a poly(hydroxyamino ether).

16. (Currently Amended) A laminate according to Claim 10, wherein the barrier material is a copolyester barrier material ~~Copolyester Barrier Material~~.

17. (Currently Amended) A laminate according to Claim 10, wherein the barrier material is a polyamide ~~Polyamide~~ comprising a polyamide and 1-10% by weight polyethylene terephthalate.

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20, 12 / - 24. (New) A container or preform comprising a neck portion and a body portion, wherein said body portion comprises:

a first layer of polyethylene terephthalate having an isophthalic acid content of at least about 2% by weight; and

A 2 a second layer directly bound to said first layer, said second layer comprising a thermoplastic material selected from the group consisting of copolyester barrier materials, phenoxy-type thermoplastics, polyamides, polyethylene naphthalate, polyethylene naphthalate copolymers, polyethylene naphthalate/polyethylene terephthalate blends, and combinations thereof, wherein the first layer forms an interior surface of the preform or container.

2 25. (New) A container or preform according to Claim 24, wherein the isophthalic acid content of the polyethylene terephthalate is about 2% - 10% by weight.

3 26. (New) A container or preform according to Claim 24, wherein the isophthalic acid content of the polyethylene terephthalate is about 4% - 5% by weight.

(10) 6 27. (New) A container or preform according to Claim 24, wherein the thermoplastic material is a poly(hydroxyamino ether).

7 28. (New) A container or preform according to Claim 24, wherein the thermoplastic material is a copolyester barrier material.

8 29. (New) A container or preform according to Claim 24, wherein the thermoplastic material is a polyamide comprising a polyamide and 1-10% by weight polyethylene terephthalate.